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REMARKS

1. In March 1953, construction material for Bremenham airfield was shipped on the Rothenburg-Lodenau railroad line. The shipments arrived and were unloaded at night as there was no classification track available and the line was occupied by scheduled trains throughout the day. Material stored along the railroad line included sections of prefabricated houses, bricks, cement, coal, tar, drainage pipes, water pipes, timber, rails and humus. Several blocks of temporary buildings were being built in the area of the field, one of them in the northeastern corner toward Lodenau. poles were rammed in the ground in this terrain.

2. about 700 workers were employed for construction at the field in mid-April. It was rumored that, in late April and early May, about 1,000 convicts were expected at the field for construction work. On 18 April, 10 VP men arrived, others were expected at a later date.

3. The area of the field was marked by poles, each about 25 cm high, which were arranged in groups of three, on top of which there was a small wooden plate bearing the letter B or P and a figure. A boulder was in the middle of each group. The course of the markings was as follows: To the east, along the Neisse River between Noes and Lodenau; to the south, along the road extending from the northern section of Noes as far as Bremenham; to the west, just west of Bremenham as far as Neusorge; and to the north, along the road from Neusorge to Lodenau.

4. On 21 April, a large dredger arrived at Noes and was immediately moved to the construction site. It was parked just east of the road and railroad line leading from Rothenburg to Lodenau in line with the dispersal area for tanks at the northern corner of the woods. At the site where the dredger was parked the wood had been cleared and sections of a small temporary building were stored there. A gravel pit was observed nearby. Along the western side of the railroad line, north of the road extending in west-southwesterly direction toward Bremenham, there were two large sheds open to the east in which loose cement was stored. Large quantities of bricks and sections of prefabricated houses were stored between the road and railroad line leading from Rothenburg to Lodenau. The unloading of material was done only at night. On 4 April, an observation tower directed toward the Neisse River was being erected about 200 meters south of the Lodenau cemetery on the eastern edge of the woods.

5. In April, the exact boundaries of the field under construction could not be determined. There were indications, however, that the field extended as far as Bremenham, Neusorge

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and Lodenau, from there along the railroad line to the south as far as the northern perimeter of Noes (Bleichenau), then westward along a path and the Noes-Bremenhain road to the northwest as far as Bremenhain. The fields northwest of Noes were confiscated.

6. Firms contracted for construction work at the field included Bauunion South with construction supervisor Goeldener (fnu) and Engineer Hunger (fnu), Construction Firm Brocke, charged with the construction of temporary buildings, Construction Firm Mueller in Dresden, charged with road construction and the August Bormann Firm in Dresden, charged with well building.
7. A power plant at the Neisse River exclusively served the airfield. A line extended from the power plant to a transformer station at the Neisse River and from there to the temporary buildings in the woods west of the railroad line.
8. Construction work which had been started in 1952 included about 45 temporary buildings each about 30 x 12 meters, and two new roads in the wooded area west of the Rothenburg-Lodenau railroad line. A newly constructed drainage system discharged the ground and waste water into the Neisse River. The construction of a board fence, about 2 meters high, was started at some points along the Rothenburg-Lodenau road. About 30 fuel containers were stored in the northern section of the wood west of the railroad line. A prison camp was being erected in the field south of the wooded area, where the construction of watchtowers, two lavatories and a latrine was started in late April. Three round basins, about 4 meters in diameter, allegedly water reservoirs, had been built in the wooded area about 10 meters west of the railroad line. On 24 April, a concrete mixer arrived at the field. [redacted] construction on a 30-meter-wide runway was to start in the near future. The removal of the humus layer was started. In late April, narrow-gauge field tracks, lorries and locomotives arrived by rail.
9. On 13 April, 50 to 60 laborers were working in the triangle formed by the roads from Bremenhain to Lodenau, Bremenhain to Rothenburg, and Rothenburg to Lodenau. No construction material was observed. The entire area was covered with grass.
10. Since about October 1952, work has been under way on the former alternate airfield of the German Air Force in the triangle formed by the roads connecting Noes, Bremenhain and Lodenau. About 800 workers who were employed there had already erected about 35 temporary buildings on solid foundations, some of which were occupied by laborers. According to rumors, permanent barracks buildings were to be constructed beginning late April 1953. For this project construction material had arrived and the clearing of woods had been done.

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[redacted] Comment. According to the present report, construction work on Bremenhain airfield was scheduled to start in late April or early May 1953. It appears that the runway will extend in north-south direction. For layout sketch of the field, see Annex.

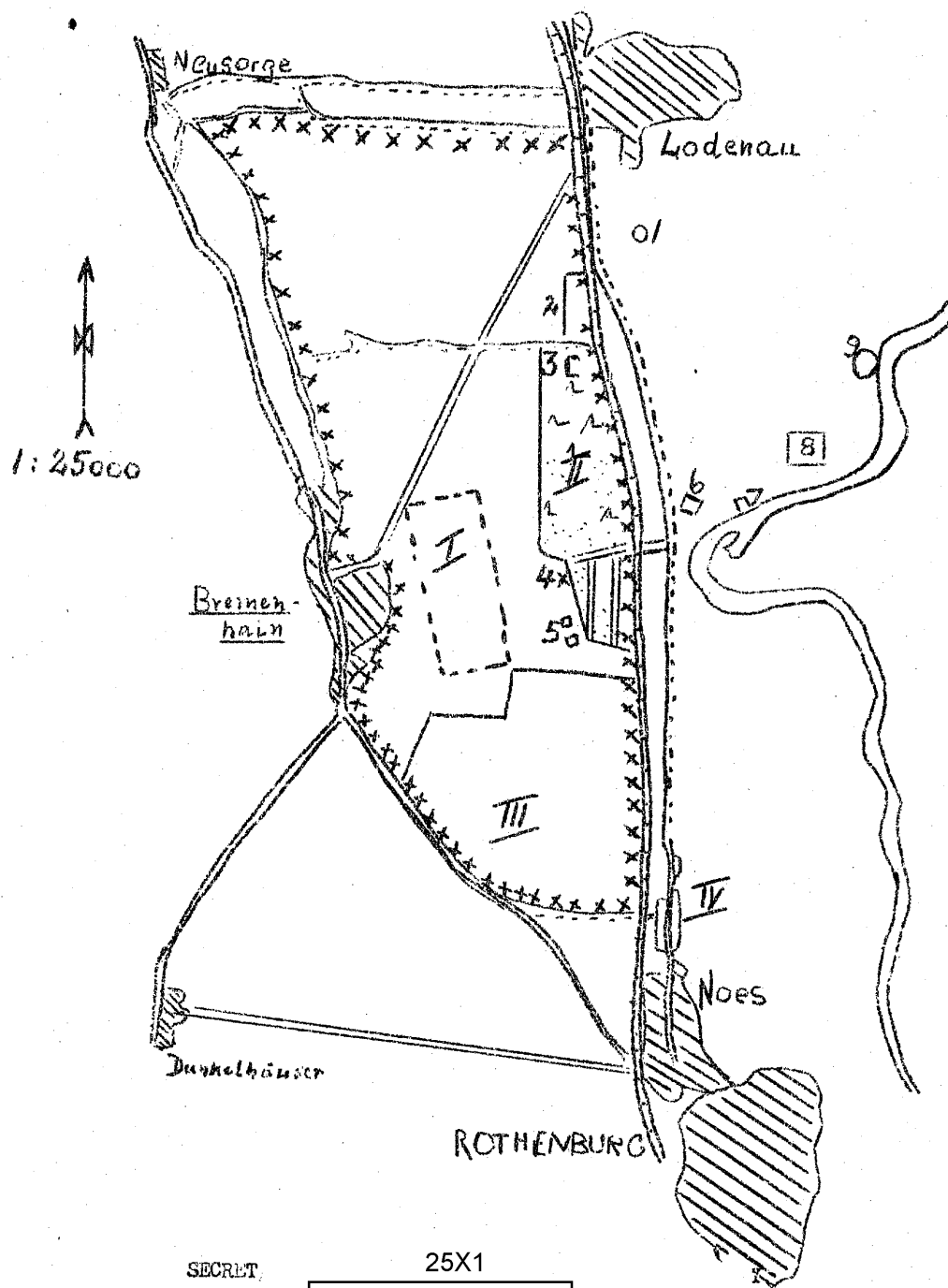
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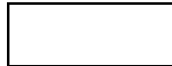
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Bremenham Airfield

Legend:

- I Graded area of former airfield
- II Wooded area with temporary buildings
- III Confiscated fields
- IV Northern houses of Noes
 - 1 Watchtower
 - 2 Wooded area in which fuel containers are stored
 - 3 Garage, brick building
 - 4 Well
 - 5 Two small brick buildings
 - 6 Drainage system
 - 7 Transformer station
 - 8 Target range
 - 9 Power plant serving the construction site
- xxxx Assumed boundaries of the airfield.

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